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NEC BRIEFING

5 December 1958

## FRENCH ELECTION APTERNATE

- I. Massive electoral victory of Moustelle-led Nov Republic Union (SAR)

  though the Mauli doesn't like it

  represents a vote for De Gaulle rather, than voters' allegiance

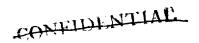
  to a new party.
- II. The real orientation of the new Franch assembly may not be apparent for several months.
  - A. UMR encompasses wide range of political views united only by "Gaulliam," which is subject to vastly different interpretations by self-styled Gaullists.
    - l. Its strong nationalistic current will, however, encourage
      De Gaulle's efforts to enhance France's international
      prestige.
  - Assembly convenes on 9 becomber to elect its own officers,
    and reconvenes in January to approve the program the new
    government will present. It will then recess until 29 April.
- III. Virtual elimination of extremists (ten Communists and one Poujadist
  in new ascembly) assures greater flexibility than heretoiere for
  conditions based on democratic forces, but the assembly is
  proposdersally rightist in orientation.
  - A. No mesurance, however, that De Gaulle will have easy sailing.
    - left and right, which would have given him freedom
      to arbitrate.

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- B. Socialists are under pressure to go into eggositios.
  - i. There will be increasing push for Socialist ties with the Communists, who despite the first major drop AN electoral strongth held 20 percent of voters.
- IV. Do Gaulie must now weigh desirability of pressing for solution of Algerian issue while he still has everyiding legal authority and great prestige.
  - A. He is visiting Algeria 3-7 December and may dramatize resetablishment of civil authority by replacing General Halan.
  - His problem will be to decide whether or not be can time regard claims that the vote for GMR is mandate for integration.



	% Pop vote		Deputies	
· ·	1956	1958	1956	1958
Communists SOcialists Radicals, etc. MRP Independents UNR Poujadists	25.4 14.2 13.8 10.6 14.2 4.2	29.7 13.8 7.8 ? 14.9 26.5	144 92 77 71 108 18 30	10 40 35 57 132 188
Abstention	17.3	25.3		

## Of the 465 deputies from Metropolitan France:

269 are new; 146 were in the \*56 assembly; 50 were pre-1956 deputies

338 ex-deputies who ran in '58 were defeated.